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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: United States Strike Command Exercise "CLEAR LAKE"

Reference: NSAM No. 99, subject: Military Exercises,  
dated 4 October 1961.

Enclosed are three copies of the exercise brief on "CLEAR LAKE". This special joint training exercise will be held at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida from 25 May to 10 June 1962. Approximately 7,000 Army and Air Force personnel will participate in the maneuvers. Live ammunition will be used by both Army and Air units to the maximum extent possible consistent with safety.

Also enclosed is the public information plan for the exercise which includes the proposed initial press release. This plan has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs).

This exercise has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Department of State.

*SIGNED*

William P. Bundy  
Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

3 copies of Exercise Brief  
and Information Plan

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UNITED STATES STRIKE COMMAND  
OUTLINE OF SIGNIFICANT EXERCISE

1. Name

Exercise CLEAR LAKE

2. Type

Special Joint Training Exercise.

3. Aims

The following are objectives:

- a. Examination of current joint doctrines and techniques relating to air/ground support.
- b. Provide an opportunity within safety regulations for participating forces to utilize live ordnance.
- c. Examination of joint doctrines and techniques regarding combat zone reconnaissance and surveillance methods.
- d. Examination of the current joint procedures relating to airborne operations.
- e. Provide the most realistic training possible for the personnel of both Army and Air Force units during the exercise.

4. Brief Outline

Ground forces will strategically deploy from home stations to simulated overseas staging bases by MATS aircraft. Tactical aircraft of AFSTRIKE will deploy to simulated overseas staging bases and conduct fighter and reconnaissance operations. AFSTRIKE-troop carrier aircraft will be used to conduct an airborne/airlanded assault in the objective area. Fighter aircraft will deploy into the established airhead from their staging bases, as the exercise develops. Live ordnance will be used by both Army and Air Force units. Redeployment of ground forces from this objective area to home stations will be accomplished by MATS aircraft. AFSTRIKE elements will redeploy from the simulated overseas area to CONUS by troop carrier aircraft assigned to AFSTRIKE.

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5. Geographical Area

Reservation boundaries of Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

6. Dates

25 May - 10 June 1962.

7. Directing Headquarters

United States Strike Command.

8. Participating Commands, Headquarters and Forces

a. United States

- {1} Headquarters, United States Strike Command
- {2} USARSTRIKE
- {3} USAFSTRIKE
- {4} MATS
- (5) Air Force Systems Command (AFSC)

b. Allied: None

9. Scope of participation anticipated from:

a. Other Unified or Specified Commands: None

b. Forces of US Military Services:

- (1) United States Strike Command: Provides the Joint Task Force Headquarters from combat ready forces, and supervises planning and conduct of the exercise. Also directs the ARSTRIKE and AFSTRIKE combat ready forces.

(2) ARSTRIKE:

- (a) Brigade Hq (Reinforced), 101st Abn Division
- (b) 1 Battle Group, 101st Abn Division
- (c) 1 Battle Group, 2nd Inf Division
- (d) 1 Arty Composite Bn, 2nd Inf Division
- (e) 2 Recon Platoon, CAV Sq, 2nd Inf Division
- (f) Elements of Target Acqn Bn, 2nd Inf Division
- (g) Elements of 1st ARSB, 2nd Inf Division
- (h) 2 Rifle Co's, 2nd Inf Division
- (i) Elements of Engr Bn, 2nd Inf Division

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(3) AFSTRIKE:

- (a) Command Element (9th and 19th AF).
- (b) 1 Sq TAC Ftrs (F-100), 121st TFS, 9th AF
- (c) 1 Sq TAC Ftrs (F-84), 113th TFS, 12th AF
- (d) 12 TAC Recce Aircraft (RF-84), 184th TRS, 9th AF
- (e) 24 Troop Carrier aircraft (C-130), 839th AD, 9th AF
- (f) Comm and Control Elements (507th C&E Gp).

(4) MATS: Provides transport aircraft for deployment of Army forces and equipment to staging bases, and redeployment from Eglin AFB to home stations; Weather and Rescue Services.

(5) AFSC: Provides exercise site, scheduling and control at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

c. Other Federal Agencies or Departments:

Federal Aeronautics Administration provides air traffic control of aircraft movements during the exercise.

d. Allied: None

10. Political Implications

None

11. Coordination

AFSC for scheduling of the Exercise site. (Eglin AFB Florida)

12. Additional Remarks

Approximately 7,000 troops will participate in this Exercise. Live ammunition will be used by both Army and Air Units to the maximum extent possible consistent with safety. It is anticipated that Exercise Clear Lake will generate considerable press interest.

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